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S E C R E T KUWAIT 1650

E. 09 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS KU

SUBJECT: MILITARY SALES IN KUWAIT

REF: A. STATE 91036 B. KUWAIT 1580

1. SUBSTANCE REF A SENT TO AMBASSADOR STOLTEFUS IN
ABU DHABI AND HE COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: I APPRECIATE DEPT' S ARGUMENTS THAT IT NOT
RPT NOT FEASIBLE AND NOT IN GOK INTEREST FOR US TO GIVE " FINAL"
AND FIXED" PRICES. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE THESE ARGUMENTS
TO MINDEF AND FACT REMAINS HE NOT RPT NOT CONVINCED
AND DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT ESTIMATES ON PRESENT L/ O' S
MEET HIS NEEDS FOR " FINAL PRICES" TO PRESENT TO
CABINET AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN

FINAL AUTHORIZATION PROCEED WITH PURCHASES OF U. S.
MILITARY EQUIPMENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE EMBASSY HAS
EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO FURTHER DISCUSS SUBJECT OF
L/ O' S AND HOPEFULLY CONVINCED MINDEF SAAD OF EFFICACY
OF OUR MILITARY CONTRACT PROCEDURES. THEREFORE, WE
WILL NOT BE ABLE MOVE PRESENT SITUATION OFF DEAD
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CENTER UNTIL WASHINGTON SENDS FMS AND OTHER EXPERTS
NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN WHY MINDEF SHOULD SIGN L/ O' S
SO THAT WE CAN MOVE AHEAD. I REPEAT, THEREFORE,
UR RECOMMENDATION U. S. EXPERTS BE DISPATCHED
SOONEST IN ORDER EITHER OBTAIN MINDEF' S SIGNATURE ON
L/ O' S OR WORK OUT SOME OTHER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE
PRODEDURE. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. RE REF B, I ALSO URGE DEPT AND DOD TO BE AS
FORTHCOMING AS WE POSSIBLY CAN ON GOK' S REQUEST
FOR TRAINING OF PILOTS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL.
NOTHING U. S. DOES IS MORE LIKELY MAKE GOK AWARE OF
AND COOPERATE WITH CONCEPT NIXON DOCTRINE AND
REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION WITH IRAN AND SAUDI
ARABIA THAN LARGE AND SUCCESSFUL US PROGRAM OF
TRAINING OF KUWAIT MILITARY PERSONNEL. UNQUOTE.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN LIGHT AMBASSADOR' S
COMMENTS, BELIEVE USN EXPERTS SHOULD BE SENT
ASAP IN CONNECTION WITH F-8 H QUESTIONS RAISED
BY GOK. MIDDLE EAST REP OF LTV INFORMED EMBASSY
COMPANY ASSEMBLING TEAM TO COME HERE NEXT WEEK.
COULD DEPARTMENT CONFIRM?

5. RE REF A PARA 5, WE AWAITING AMBASSADOR' S
RETURN BEFORE SUBMITTING COMMENTS. HOPE
HAVE MESSAGE THIS SUBJECT FOR YOU EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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